rehabilitation measures in the wake of natural calamities. The Union Government on their par has released Centre's share for Calamity Relief Fund to the States of Bihar, West Bengal, Assam and Andhra Pradesh during 1998-99 in Rupees crores amounting to 43.22, 32.02, 41. 60 and 103.0 respectively.

(b) the Estimated losses of life and property during this monsoon; reported from the State of Bihar, West Bengal, Assam and Andhra Pradesh are as under:—

State	Loss of Life (Nos)	Damage to houses (Nos)	Loss of Property Damage to Crop Areas (in lakh) hectare
Bihar	380	1,98,742	12.24
West Bengal	179	1,41,137	1.32
Assam	156	30,399	2.89
Andhra Pradesh	51	13	0.23

(c) During 1998-99, the Government of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar and West Bengal have submitted Memorandum for Central assistance. In response, the Union Government has released to the Government of Andhra Pradesh, Assam Bihar and West Bengal under Central Plan Assistance during 1998-99 in Rupees crores amounting to Rs. 200, 52, 75 and 75 respectively.

(d) Flood control and management being State subject, formulation of schemes and their execution lies within the perview of the State Government. Various measures like construction of embankment; their raising and strengthening as also anti-erosion works wherever required are taken up by the concerned States to tackle the flood problem, as per the State's priority based on funds made available to them by the Planning Commission.

Impact of Floods on Assam

619. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the impact of floods this year on the economy of Assam; and

(b) if so, what mesures are being considered to provide a lasting solution to this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) A Central Team visited the Assam State during August, 1998 to assess the damages caused by floods and requirements of relief and rehabilitation.

(b) Centre's share of Rs. 41.60 crore has been released to the Assam Government under Calamity Relief Fund during 1998-99. An Additional Central assistance of Rs. 52 crore has also been provided in flood control scheme for the Annual Plan of Assam for the year 1998-99. The Prime Minister's Package for the North-East also includes Rs. 500 crore for short term and long term flood control measures in Assam during the IX Plan aimed at mitigating the adverse effect of floods on a long term basis.

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